

REMARKS

Regarding the Election/Restriction requirement mailed April 3, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-25, **with traverse**.

The requirement states “Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept . . . because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.” Claim 26 is amended to include the technical features of claim 1, specifically “a set of pre-fabricated semiconducting nanowires, at least one pre-fabricated semiconducting nanowire having a wire diameter larger than a desired wire diameter” and “the light is absorbed by at least one of the nanowires, and wherein a minimum wavelength of the light is chosen such that the absorption of the at least one nanowire is significantly reduced when the at least one nanowire reaches the desired diameter.” Applicants respectfully submit that groups I and II share the technical features of group I, as identified by the requirement.

In view of the above arguments, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-29.

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